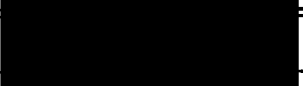


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Future Reporting on Soviet Maritime
Traffic in Arms

1. This memorandum is in answer to your request that we outline how we propose to report on a continuing basis the movement of those Soviet merchant ships capable of carrying, below decks, missiles and related equipment.

2. We propose initially to continue the procedure in existence for some years; that is, weekly we will forward to the OGI Indications Liaison Officer a statement summarizing Soviet Bloc activities related to the delivery of arms to non-Bloc countries. Specific statements on the S/10 suspect missile carriers (and others of similar classes now being built) will be included when relevant. Additional distribution of this report can be made as is desired. We also can turn out more frequent periodic listings but experience in following suspect Soviet arms carriers suggests that weekly reports are adequate.

3. Also, we will continue to report in the Central Intelligence Bulletin on suspicious activity by these or any other bloc vessels when more than the weekly routine treatment appears desirable.

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4. In order to maintain a close watch on these ships capable of carrying ballistic missiles, as well as all other suspected arms carriers, it

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5. Attached is a current listing of the status of the potential Soviet missile carriers by name and last known position with pertinent comments concerning cargo and destination. It is believed that this is the briefest and most usable format for regular reporting on the activities of these ships.

ANNEX: Status of Potential Soviet Missile Carriers

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**ANNEX TO: Future Reporting on Soviet Maritime
Traffic in Arms**

STATUS OF POTENTIAL SOVIET MISSILE CARRIERS

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| Name | Last Known Position | Comments |
|------------------|---|---|
| Beloretsk | 3 Nov 1000EST 37:40N, 00:55E | Returning to Black Sea from Havana; suspected of carrying arms on its voyage to Cuba. |
| Belovedsk | 4 Nov 1000EST | Arrived Havana. Commercial cargo included 12 Mi-4 helicopters. First Soviet dry cargo ship to pass quarantine line. |
| Kasimov | ETA Leningrad 30 Oct | One of 16 ships to have turned back after imposition of quarantine. Cargo included crates, cranes and trucks. The Kasimov delivered 10 IL-28's to Cuba in early October. |
| Kizovyak | 3 Nov 1844Z Entering Kaliningrad | One of the 16 ships that turned back. Cargo included 21 large cylindrical containers, trucks and extra large crates. |

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Krasnograd

29 Oct - in Leningrad

One of the 16 ships
that turned back.
Cargo of at least
5 trucks, 2 large
crates. 25X1D1a

Gzhetsk

4 Nov 2055EST
Passed Bosphorus
Southbound, declared
Havana 25X1D1a

Cargo of [REDACTED] 25X1D1a
[REDACTED] metal.
Previous trip made
with light cargo,
[REDACTED]

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One
of the 16 ships
which turned back.

Orsk

4 Nov in Novorossiysk

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[REDACTED]
Made previous trip
to Cuba in mid-
October [REDACTED]

Orenburg

5 Nov 0810EST
in Baltic Sea

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[REDACTED]
Previous sailed
to Cuba from Black
Sea in early October
[REDACTED]

Poltava

3 Nov 1232EST
in unidentified Baltic
port.

One of the 16 ships
that turned back.
Came out of Black
Sea but returned to
Baltic where it
has unloaded cargo
of very large crates.
Now proceeding in
ballast to Black
Sea.

NSA concurs in all redactions on this
page

Simferopol

ETA Odessa, 3 Nov

Delivered cargo
of trucks and
electronic vans to
Cuba about 18
October.

NOTE:

In addition to the ships listed above there are two other ships that will be included in future reporting. The Karachaevsk, of the Krasnograd class, which arrived in Leningrad on 23 October presumably to load for her maiden voyage. The Polotsk, a sister ship of the Poltava, now undergoing trials in the Black Sea and soon to be in operation.